relaxation has been made in the prescribed criteria of Educational Qualification, Experience etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH); (a) and (b) ITDC has its own Recruitment Promotion and Seniority Rules and the appointments/promotions'transfers are regulated in accordance with the provisions contained therein. Relaxation as permissible under these Rules with regard to educational qualifications, age, experience etc. are given wherever required with the approval of the competent authority as defined. Training to employees in ITDC is need based and sponsoring is on the baste of nominations made by the Heads of Divisions/Units.

Insertion of Rule 41-A in the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act

1129. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State;

(a) whether Government was taken into confidence by Lt. Governor of Delhi before issuing notification dated the 2nd November, 1990 inserting Rule 41-A in the Delhi Cooperative Societies;

(b) whether Rule 41-A has the effect of retarding the cooperative movement altogether and is opposed to the principle of primacy of elected Managing Committee who alone have the right to induct or refuse to induct a member; and

(c) whether Government propose to delete Rule 41-A?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) and (b) The power to make rules under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act vests in the Lt. Governor of Delhi Rule 41-A of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Rules, 1973 was promulgated by the Lt. Governor vide notification dated 2. 11. 90 in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sub-Section (1) of Section 97 of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972. The rule provides that a vacancy in membership occuring between the period of verification by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and allotment of land by the Delhi Development Authority shall not be filled by the society and envisages that a vacancy arising after allotment of land may be filled only from among the willing registrants for DDA fiats under Self Financing Scheme.

(c) The amendment in the rules has been challenged in the Delhi High Court.

Clubbing of registrants of flats with tbe members of Group Housing Societies

1130. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the registrants of flats under the any of D. D. A. Housing Schemes can become members of the Cooperative Group Housing Societies; and

(b) whether Government propose to club the registrants of **D. D. A.** Housing Schemes with the members of Cooperative Group Housing Societies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN); (a) and (b) The power to make rules under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act vests in the Lt. Governor of Delhi. Rule 41-A of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Rules, 1973 was promulgated by the Lt. Governor wide notification dated 2. 11. 90 in exercise of the powers con-fermed upon him by Sub-section (1) of Section 97 of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, The rule provides that a vacancy in membership occuring between the period of verification by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and allotment ot land by the Delhi Development authority shall not be filled by the society and envisages that a vacancy arising after allotment of land may be filled only from among the willing registrants for DDA flats under Self Financing Scheme.

The amendment in th$_e$ rules has been challenged in the Delhi High Court.

Fixation of Support Prices for Agricultural Products

1131. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state-.

(a) whether the High Powered Committee on Agriculture has assailed **the**

way the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission are fixing support prices for various products-;

(b) if so, what were the grounds on which the working of the ACPC was assailed; and

(c) whether any model formula has been laid dow$_n$ for the computation of the support prices by the ACPC f so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL. VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) The Committee, constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh to go into the issues relating to declaring Agriculture as an Industry, has made certain observations in its Report on the methodology followed by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices in recommending Procurement/minimum prices for various crops.

(b) Committee has not agreed with the methodology- followed by CACP in recommending procurement/mini mum support prices of crops. It has recommended that support price of farm products be linked to parity price, determined according to Prin ciple of Parity, with base year 1970-71—-180.

(c) No, Sir.

Supply of Drinking Water under International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

1132. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-DRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister $_0$f AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the impact of the international Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDW-SSD) on providing safe-drinking water to villages in different States and Union Territories; and

(b) the expenditure incurred so far thereon State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR'SINGH); (a) During the International Drinking Wate$_r$ Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDWSSD), 192, 024 problem villages were covered in the Sixth Plan and 153, 390 problem villages in the Seventh Plan with safe drinking water facilities. As on 1. 4. 1990, there were 8332 problem villages which have spilled over to VIII Plan. Out of these, 5170 problem villages are likely to be covered in 1990-91.

(b) the expenditure incurred under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme and Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme during the Sixth Plan and the Seventh Plan and in 1990-91 so far is given in the Annexure. *(See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 29)

Report of High Powered Committee on Farm Policies

1133. SHRI MURLTDHAR CHAN-DRAKANT BHANDARE-SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state. -

(a) whether a noted economist and a member of the High Powered Committee on farm policies has disassociated himself from the committee's report;

(b) if so, on what grounds; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE